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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Since this IDS is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination application, it is believed no fees are required. If any fees are required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50–0463.

PART II: Remarks

Applicant requests that the Office consider the references listed on the attached copies of PTO/SB/08B in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

It is respectfully requested that:

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2. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statement by the Applicant, the Applicant urges the Examiner to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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